



# CITY OF SAN MARINO

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### CITY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Water conservation ordinance to be adopted

In an effort to help with the current water shortage in Southern California and in accordance with state law, the City of San Marino will be adopting a Water Conservation Ordinance. The ordinance will be introduced to the City Council in September.

The ordinance has different levels of actions that can be adopted by the City Council based on water restrictions that are implemented at the state level. California American Water and the Metropolitan Water District, the current water suppliers for the city, have implemented a voluntary

water conservation program aimed at reducing water usage.

All consumers are encouraged to help reduce water usage in the community by voluntarily ending non-essential or unauthorized water use. Below are recommended water conservation measures that are included in the proposed Water Conservation Ordinance:

- No watering from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except by hand
- An irrigation system limit of 15 minutes per station
- No excessive water flow or runoff

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#### Residents encouraged to license their dogs

In July, the City of San Marino renegotiated its contract with the Pasadena Humane Society (PHS) for animal control services. During this process, few dogs were identified as having licenses. In addition to health benefits, licensing helps offset the cost associated with contracting with PHS.

As part of its new contract and in an effort to increase the number of licensed dogs, PHS will take on primary responsibility for all dog licensing in the City of San Marino. Residents can obtain and purchase dog licenses directly at PHS, located at 361 Raymond Avenue in Pasadena. Dog licensing applica-

tions can also be dropped off at City Hall; however, City Hall will no longer process applications.

The annual cost for a license is \$25 for altered pets and \$60 for unaltered pets. A sterilization certificate (for altered animals) and proof of rabies vaccinations are required at the time of licensing. A dog tag is provided with each license.

For more information, contact PHS at (626) 792-7151 or visit [www.phsspca.org](http://www.phsspca.org). ■



#### Inspect your child safety seats

For both legal and safety reasons, child safety seats are required in a vehicle for any child who is under 6 years of age or less than 60 pounds.

Officer Patricia Gomez-Lara with the San Marino Police Department is certified on proper installation and use of child safety restraints. She can inspect your child safety seat for any misuses or recalls and can also properly install them in the safest position possible. If you would like Officer Gomez-Lara to inspect your child safety seat, e-mail her at [pgomez@smpd.us](mailto:pgomez@smpd.us) or contact the Police Department at (626) 300-0720. ■

**Athens Services**, the City's trash hauler, will increase rates on October 1, 2009 pursuant to its agreement with the City, which allows for Consumer Price Index (CPI) and landfill cost increases. Though Athens' operating costs have declined due to a drop in the CPI from April 2008 to April 2009, landfill costs or "tipping" fees have gone up. A notice to households regarding the rate increase will be included in an upcoming Athens bill. If you have questions regarding your rates, call Athens at (626) 336-3636. ■

## Heed helpful tips to avoid heat-related injuries

September and October can be deceptively hot months. The San Marino Fire Department encourages the community to be aware of heat-related injuries that can be caused by overexposure to or excessive exercise in the heat.

One common injury is heat cramps. Heat cramps may include increased sweating with painful muscle spasms of the arms, legs and occasionally the abdomen.

A second heat-related injury is heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion is the inability to sweat enough to cool oneself. Symptoms may include fatigue, weakness, dizziness, nausea and possibly vomiting.

The third and most serious heat-related injury is heatstroke. Heatstroke occurs when the body stops sweating, but the body temperature continues to rise. Symptoms from heatstroke may include visual disturbances, headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion, delirium, unconsciousness or red/flushed skin that is hot to the touch.

The San Marino Fire Department offers the following tips to

help avoid heat-related injuries:

- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Reduce physical activity during hot weather.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Avoid sudden changes in temperature.
- Set your air conditioning thermostat between 75 and 80 degrees.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Try to drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine, as they are diuretics.
- Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 when outdoors.

If you do not have an air conditioner, keep yourself cool at air-conditioned facilities such as public libraries, shopping malls and community centers. If you find yourself in need of emergency medical care, dial 9-1-1. ■

## Remove your name from solicitation lists

If you would like to reduce the number of solicitations you receive via phone, mail and e-mail, there are several steps you can take to have your name removed from telemarketing lists.

Businesses that advertise or market their products and services directly to consumers typically purchase or compile their own lists

of potential customers. Your name can be acquired through local phone listings, public real estate records, tax assessments on personal property, donations to political or charitable organizations, club rosters, alumni listings and other sources. Online advertisers use data files called "cookies" to track information about you, including your Web browsing patterns and purchasing history.

To remove your name from various solicitation lists, do the following:

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## Pulling permits as an "owner-builder"

An owner-builder is what the term indicates – the owner of a property acts as the general contractor on the job and either does the work by themselves or has employees (or subcontractors) working on the project.

When you sign a building permit application as an owner-builder, you assume full responsibility for all phases of your project. If you use anyone other than an immediate family member or a licensed subcontractor to do the work, you may be considered an employer.

As an employer, you must register with the state and federal governments. You are obligated to participate in state and federal income tax withholding, federal social security taxes, workers' compensation insurance, disability insurance costs and unemployment compensation contributions. The City will ask for proof of these items if a licensed subcontractor is not listed on an owner-builder permit application.

If your workers are injured and your subcontractors are not licensed or do not carry liability insurance or workers' compensation, you could be liable for injuries and rehabilitation costs.

The permit fees are the same whether the owner or contractor pulls the permit. It is in the best interest of the property owner if licensed contractors are used exclusively and take care of the permitting process.

For more information or to find out if your contractor has a valid license, visit the Contractors State License Board website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or call them at (800) 321-CSLB (2752). ■

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*If you have a comment, question or idea for the City newsletter, please e-mail Interim Community Services Director Lucy García at [lgarcia@sanmarinoca.gov](mailto:lgarcia@sanmarinoca.gov).*

## LIBRARY NEWS



### **Summer Reading Club**

The Summer Reading Program concluded in August. The City would like to thank all staff, volunteers, participants, and the Friends of the Crowell Public Library for contributing to the success of the program. More than 1,200 children participated.

### **Donate Your Books**

Donate your gently used books to the Friends of the Library Book Shoppe. Proceeds raised will help pay for library books and programs. Donations are tax deductible.

### **Put Your Passion on Display**

Do you have a collection you would like to share with the community? Display it in the library's new lobby case. Dolls, memorabilia, hobbies and more are welcome. For more information, contact Lynda Lyons at (626) 300-0777, ext. 384 or at [lynda@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:lynda@cityofsanmarino.org).

### **Crowell Is Going Green**

Save paper by receiving your overdue notices by e-mail. Simply provide us with your e-mail address the next time you visit, or click on "Your Library Account" at [www.crowellpubliclibrary.org](http://www.crowellpubliclibrary.org). Login, then click the "Profile" tab to add or change your e-mail address.

### **Read My Lips**

Stretch your memory through lip reading and other fun brain exercises. Beginning Monday, September 14, come to "Brain Aerobics" classes on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration is not required and the class, held in the Barth Community Room, is free.

### **The Mt. Lowe Railway**

Michael Patris will share his knowledge of Thaddeus Lowe and the Mt. Lowe Railway on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. This evening of photos and stories from Patris' book, "Images of Rail: Mount Lowe Railway," is free.

### **Coffee, Conversation & Culture**

Adults are invited to enjoy a different experience every Thursday at the Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 17. See a travelogue, discuss a book, hear a lecture or play a game. The gathering is free and registration is not required.

### **What Did Lincoln Believe?**

On Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m., join Philip Ostergard, author of "The Inspired Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," for a free presentation in the Barth Community Room addressing the question: Was Lincoln a committed Christian or a confirmed skeptic?

### **Introduction to E-Mail**

Attend a two-session class held on Tuesday, September 22 and 29

at 1 p.m. and learn to send and receive messages using a free e-mail account. Set up an account and learn basic concepts and skills. Reservations are required. Please call (626) 300-0777.

### **Hometown Pasadena**

Discover the cultural gems hidden in our neighbor to the north. Colleen Dunn Bates, editor of "Hometown Pasadena" and "At Home Pasadena" will speak at the library on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. This presentation is free.

### **Concert on Autoharp**

Enjoy the soothing sounds of the autoharp as Rick Sonder performs old-time and traditional tunes on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

### **Wicked Literature**

Wicked Literature is a Halloween theater festival that creates new stage adaptations of classic scary stories. This adults-only evening on Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. features the Wicked Literature players reading from their newest works-in-progress.

### **LA Opera at Crowell**

LA Opera discussions will be held at the library on Sunday, September 13 and Sunday, November 15 at 2 p.m. Explore Richard Wagner and Gioachino Rossini. Details are available on the library's website. ■

## Remove your name from solicitation lists

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- Telemarketing Calls – go to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or call toll-free (888) 382-1222.
- Direct Mail and E-mail Offers – go to [www.dmchoice.org](http://www.dmchoice.org).
- Credit Card Offers – go to [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) or

- call toll-free (888) 567-8688.
- Online Cookie Collecting – go to [www.networkadvertising.org](http://www.networkadvertising.org).
- Door to Door Solicitation – contact the San Marino City Clerk at (626) 300-0705 and ask to be placed on the Do Not Solicit List. ■

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is offering several free water conservation landscaping classes in September and October. For more information, contact Veronica Ruiz at (626) 300-0792 or Ron Serven at (626) 300-0790.

## City of San Marino

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(626) 300-0700

[www.sanmarinoca.gov](http://www.sanmarinoca.gov)

## Postal Customer



### Sign up for fall daycare

The San Marino Recreation Department invites parents to sign up their kindergartners through fifth graders in one of the many fall daycare programs available. With qualified and caring staff, the San Marino Recreation daycare programs provide a safe and fun environment for children to participate in music, art, sports, crafts and more.

Before, after and minimum day daycare is available. To register or for more information, call the San Marino Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. Details can also be found in the Fall Recreation & Library Guide now posted at [www.sanmarinoca.gov](http://www.sanmarinoca.gov). ■

### Check out new fall Recreation classes

The San Marino Recreation Department has a variety of exciting new fall classes for both adults and children.

Those looking for a challenging or a relaxing workout might be interested in the new Mat Pilates or Dynamic Stretch classes.

Those who are interested in developing their musical talents can sign up for the new Piano for Teens & Adults or Intro. to Playing Drums classes.

New dance classes are being offered this fall by WEBBY Dance Company, which has been providing schools with the best in mobile

dance for more than 30 years.

Improve your photography skills with professional photographer David Solzberg in Snap Shots to Great Shots!

Children will enjoy the new Super Scientists class, filled with hands-on experiments and fun-filled activities. Creative Crafts for the Holidays will inspire your child's creativity in a holiday-themed class.

Registration begins Saturday, September 12 for residents and Tuesday, September 15 for non-residents. Call (626) 403-2200 for more information. ■

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- No washing down of hard or paved surfaces
- An obligation to fix leaks in a reasonable amount of time (within seven days of notice)
- Running of fountains only with re-circulating water
- Washing vehicles only using a bucket or shut-off nozzle
- Restaurants are only to serve

water on request

Together we can reduce the amount of water that is wasted and do our part to manage our precious resources. If you have any questions, please contact Park Manager Ron Serven at (626)300-0790 or [rserven@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:rserven@cityofsanmarino.org), or Administrative Analyst Veronica Ruiz at (626)300-0792 or [vruiz@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:vruiz@cityofsanmarino.org). ■

Save the Date!  
Annual Mayor's  
Thanksgiving Breakfast  
Wednesday,  
November 18  
7:30 a.m.  
San Marino  
Center

